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I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a declaration by the European Union on Nagorny Karabakh, issued on 5 August 1994.

I should be grateful if you could have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English and French]

Declaration issued on 5 August 1994 by the European Union on Nagorny Karabakh

The European Union welcomes the fact that, on 27 July 1994, the Ministers of Defence of Armenia and Azerbaijan and the commander of the troops of Nagorny Karabakh have confirmed in writing the cease-fire observed since 12 May 1994. This constructive step taken by the parties to the conflict opens the perspective for a negotiated political solution in the future.

The European Union therefore calls on the parties to cooperate closely to this end with the Minsk Group of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) and to use its expertise to arrive at a peaceful and lasting solution. The European Union seizes this opportunity to renew its wholehearted support for the efforts of the Minsk Group. However, the confirmation of the cease-fire can only be the first step in what must be a continued negotiating effort in order to secure a lasting political settlement. The European Union welcomes the parties' intention to accelerate negotiations during the month of August and sign an agreement allowing the deployment of CSCE monitors. The European Union therefore calls on the parties to the conflict to accept the earliest possible deployment of the first phase of the CSCE monitoring mission.

The acceding countries Finland, Austria and Sweden associate themselves with this statement.